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**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-8, 11-18 and 21-30 have been rejected. No objections or rejections were made

as to claims 9-10, 19-20, and 29-30, and these claims are therefore believed allowed.

Claims 11 and 17 are amended to remove "means for" language, and other amendments

are made as described below.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 11-18 and 21-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as

being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-8, 11-18 and 21-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-

statutory subject matter.

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 are amended to specify that the traversal is on the

shortest path between the first element and the second element, as described e.g., in paragraph

0036 of the specification as filed, and to specify that the measured distance is stored. All

rejections are therefore believed obviated and are traversed.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

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**CONCLUSION** 

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicants assert that the remaining Claims in the

Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an early allowance of such

Claims.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this

Application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this

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